

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - an aperture panel with at least one aperture;
 - a blister tray₁ at least some portion of said tray protruding through said aperture panel;
 - a gate panel secured to said aperture panel with at least one gate, a given said gate being substantially aligned with a corresponding said aperture when said gate panel is in contact with said aperture panel;
 - a tab panel secured to said aperture panel with at least one substantially detachable tab, the tab panel being substantially dimensioned and aligned with said gate panel so that a given said detachable tab is substantially aligned with a corresponding said gate when said tab panel is in contact with said gate panel;
 - an adhesive coating formed on the tab panel and the corresponding tabs said at least one substantially detachable tab thereof; and
 - a release agent applied to said gate panel in the vicinity of at least one said gate to prevent adhesion thereof to the adhesive coating on a corresponding said detachable tab.
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said gate panel further comprises a perforated region that is substantially dimensioned and aligned with a given said detachable tab.
- 3-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a given said tab of said tab panel is not secured to said gate panel.

6. (Currently amended) A blister package apparatus for holding a product comprising:
- at least one blister for holding a product;
 - an aperture panel with at least one aperture receiving the at least one blister;
 - a gate panel having at least one gate, each gate being aligned with a corresponding blister positioned opposite a given aperture, the given aperture being configured for providing access to the product through a corresponding gate;
 - a tab panel having at least one tab, each respective tab being aligned with a corresponding said at least one gate and configured for providing access thereto upon at least partially detaching the respective tab;
 - an adhesive coating formed on the tab panel and the corresponding tabs said at least one tab thereof; and
 - a release agent applied to the gate panel in the vicinity of at least one given said gate to prevent adhesion thereof to the adhesive coating on a corresponding at least one tab.
7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the gate panel and tab panel are joined by glue.
8. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the gate panel and tab panel are centrally joined by glue.
9. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the gate panel and the tab panel have opposing surfaces and wherein the opposing surfaces, with the exception of surfaces of the at least one tab, are glued together.
10. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the aperture panel, the gate panel, and the tab panel are joined at edges and are folded inward at the joined edges, with the aperture panel over the at least one blister, the gate panel under the at least one blister and the tab panel under the gate panel.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the panels have areas that are joined by gluing.
12. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the panels have peripheral areas that are joined by gluing.
13. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising a backing on the at least one blister, and wherein the gate panel is attached to the backing.
14. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the at least one blister comprises a plurality of blisters on a blister tray;
 wherein the product comprises products in the blisters;
 wherein the at least one aperture comprises a plurality of apertures in the aperture panel for receiving the plurality of blisters;
 wherein the at least one gate comprises a plurality of gates in the gate panel aligned with the plurality of blisters on the blister tray opposite the plurality of apertures on the aperture panel;
 and wherein the at least one tab comprises a plurality of tabs in the tab panel aligned with the plurality of gates.
15. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a backing on the blister tray, and wherein the gate panel is attached to the backing.
16. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the blister tray has an upper surface which is attached to the aperture panel;
 further comprising a backing attached to the blister tray for holding the products in the blisters;
 wherein the gate panel is attached to the backing; and wherein the tab panel is attached to the gate panel, except for the tabs.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the tab panel is centrally glued to the gate panel.
18. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the aperture panel, the gate panel and the tab panel have peripheral areas extending outward beyond the blister tray and the backing, and further comprising adhesive interconnecting the peripheral areas.
19. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the aperture panel, the gate panel, and the tab panel have joined edges and are folded inward at the joined edges, with the aperture panel over the blister tray, the gate panel under the blister tray and the tab panel under the gate panel.
20. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the aperture panel has opposite lateral edges, and wherein the gate panel and the tab panel have lateral edges attached respectively to the opposite lateral edges of the aperture panel and wherein the panels are folded and secured in positions parallel to the blister tray.
21. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the panels are joined along plural edges of one of the panels and along single edges of remaining ones of the panels and are folded and secured in positions parallel to the blister tray.
22. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the gates have perforations which may be separated by pushing on the blisters and the products within the blisters after the tabs have been removed.
23. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the tabs have perforations around edges of the tabs and have accessible ends for lifting the ends and tearing the perforations for removing the tabs and exposing the gates.
24. (original) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the tabs extend to the edges of the tab panel and wherein the ends of the tabs are accessible along the edges of the tab panel.

25. (Currently amended) Package blank apparatus comprising:

- an aperture panel with plural apertures for receiving blisters with products on a blister tray;
- a gate panel having plural gates for aligning with the blisters opposite the apertures;
- a tab panel having plural tabs for aligning with the gates;
- an adhesive coating formed on the tab panel and the ~~corresponding~~ tabs thereof;

and

- a release agent applied to the gate panel selective areas of the adhesive coating in the vicinity of at least one given gate to prevent adhesion thereof of the gates of the gate panel to the adhesive coating on a corresponding tab;

wherein the tabs are removable and thus configured for exposing the gates and, thereby, configured for permitting removing of products from the blisters through the gates.

26. (original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the aperture panel, the gate panel, and the tab panel have joined edges and are folded inward at the joined edges, with the aperture panel over the blister tray, the gate panel under the blister tray and the tab panel under the gate panel.

27. (original) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the aperture panel has opposite lateral edges, and wherein the gate panel and the tab panel have lateral edges joined respectively to the opposite lateral edges of the aperture panel and for folding along the joined lateral edges and securing in positions parallel to the blister tray.

28. (previously presented) A child resistant packaging method comprising:

- providing an aperture panel having at least one aperture;
- providing a gate panel having at least one gate;
- providing a tab panel having at least one tab;
- providing an adhesive coating on the tab panel and the at least one tab thereof;

providing a blister tray having at least one blister;
providing a product in the at least one blister;
providing a backing on the blister tray holding the product in the at least one blister;
applying a release agent to the gate panel in the vicinity of at least one given gate to prevent adhesion thereof to the adhesive coating on a corresponding tab;
extending the at least one blister through the at least one aperture;
aligning the at least one gate with the at least one blister opposite the at least one aperture;
covering the at least one gate with the at least one tab;
securing the blister tray between the aperture panel and the tab panel.

29. (original) The method of claim 28 wherein the providing the panels further comprises providing the panels with joined edges and folding the panels along the joined edges.

30. (original) The method of claim 28 wherein the providing the panels further comprises providing peripheral areas on the panels and adhering the peripheral areas together.

31. (original) The method of claim 28 further comprising moving the at least one tab and exposing the at least one gate and pushing on the at least one blister and freeing a product from the at least one blister through the backing and the at least one gate.

32. (original) The method of claim 31 wherein the moving the at least one tab comprises lifting an end of the at least one tab and tearing perforations along opposite sides of the at least one tab and wherein the forcing the product through the at least one gate comprises breaking the gate from the gate panel at perforations along the gate.

33. (original) The method of claim 28 wherein the at least one tab and the at least one gate prevent the product from moving through the at least one gate until the at least one tab is moved away from the at least one gate.

34. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a single aperture panel is provided.

35. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a single blister tray is provided.

36. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a single gate panel is provided.

37. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a single tab panel is provided.

38. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the release agent is applied to the gate panel over an area corresponding to that of at least one tab.

39. (new) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the selective areas are configured to approximate respective perimeters for the tabs.